



Department Source: Law  
To: City Council  
From: City Manager & Staff  
Council Meeting Date: December 17, 2018  
Re: April 2019 Municipal Election

Executive Summary

A council bill has been prepared to call the municipal election for April 2, 2019.

Discussion

Under the City Charter, a regular election for municipal officials is held every April. In April 2019, the election will be for the council member-at-large (mayor) and council members for Wards 3 and 4. Each candidate for the council member-at-large position must file a nominating petition signed by at least 100 but no more than 150 registered voters; the candidates for the Wards 3 and 4 positions must file a nominating petition signed by at least 50 but no more than 75 registered voters entitled to vote for the candidate. Nominating petitions for all candidates must be filed no later than January 8, 2019.

Fiscal Impact

Short-Term Impact: Fiscal impact unknown at this time. The cost is based on the various entities who have placed an item on the ballot for any particular election.

The City's proportionate share for the April 2016 election was \$61,741.27 with 19 entities having items on the ballot for that election. City of Columbia election items in 2016 included filling council member positions for council member at-large, Ward 3 and Ward 4.

Long-Term Impact: Not applicable.

Strategic & Comprehensive Plan Impact

Strategic Plan Impacts:

Primary Impact: Primary, Secondary Impact: Secondary, Tertiary Impact: Tertiary

Comprehensive Plan Impacts:

Primary Impact: Primary, Secondary Impact: Secondary, Tertiary Impact: Tertiary

Legislative History

Date	Action
	An ordinance is passed annually for the April municipal elections.

Suggested Council Action

Passage of the ordinance.